

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 12, 20, and 23-28 are pending in this application. Claim 6 is amended, and Claims 13 and 14 are canceled by the present amendment without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim amendments find support in the claims as originally filed, at least at original Claim 13. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 20 and 23-28 are allowed; Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112; Claims 6 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Ogawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,243,069) in view of Yanof (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0085458) and Makinouchi (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0204060); Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Ogawa in view of Choi (U.S. Patent No. 6,791,520); and Claim 13 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Initially, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 13. Accordingly, independent Claim 6 is amended to recite the features of original Claim 13 as suggested in the Office Action, thereby rendering moot the rejections of Claims 6 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

With respect to the rejection of Claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, the amendment to Claim 6 includes “a virtual image pickup data detector” therefore there is support for “said virtual image pickup detector” in amended Claim 12.

Finally, Claim 14 is cancelled by the present amendment, thereby rendering moot the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

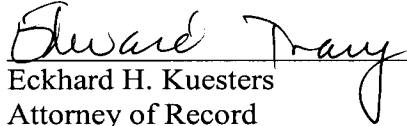
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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and the present amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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